

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
NORTHERN DIVISION
No. 2:13-CV-70-D

MICHELE A. HOPKIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

CAROLYN W. COLVIN,
Acting Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

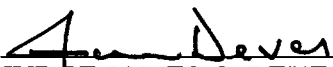
ORDER

Plaintiff's counsel filed a motion for approval of attorney's fees under section 206(b) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 406(b), in the amount of \$10,000.00. Attorney's fees under section 206(b) are paid from past-due benefits awarded to a successful claimant. 42 U.S.C. § 406(b). Plaintiff has not previously applied for or been awarded attorney's fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412.

Defendant filed a response, stating that under Gisbrecht v. Barnhart, 535 U.S. 789 (2002), it is the duty of the Court to determine a reasonable fee.

It is ORDERED that Plaintiff's counsel be awarded fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b) in the amount of \$ 10,000.

SO ORDERED, this 24 day of March, 2016.


JUDGE JAMES C. DEVER III
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE